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E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: MARR, US, UK, XO

SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA

REF: A) LONDON 00020 B) CHURCHILL/DILLERY TELECON 1/6

1. REGARDING THE SCENARIO IN PARA 3, REF A, WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE INFORM KEY CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE US AND UK HAVE TAKEN PLACE PURSUANT TO PARA 3 OF THE AGREEMENT. WE WOULD THEREFORE WISH TO ALTER THE SCENARIO PROPOSED BY THE BRITISH AS FOLLOWS:

A. WHEN USG SUBMITS DOCUMENTS COMPRISING AGREEMENT TO CONGRESS, DEPARTMENT WOULD EXPLAIN, IN WRITING AS PART OF A GENERAL COVERING LETTER, THAT WITH REGARD TO PARA 3 OF THE AGREEMENT IT IS NORMAL PRACTICE FOR THE US TO CON-

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SULT WITH THE UK ON CERTAIN TYPES OF OPERATIONS CARRIED

OUT BY THE US FROM FACILITIES ON UK TERRITORIES ANYWHERE  
IN THE WORLD.

B. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ORALLY AND INFORMALLY REVIEW THIS  
POINT ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WITH KEY CONGRESSIONAL LEAD-

ERS CITING EXAMPLES CONTAINED IN THE MEMORANDUM. WE WOULD

STRESS THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THESE EXAMPLES IS EXTREMELY  
SENSITIVE FROM THE BRITISH POINT OF VIEW. IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH BRITISH WISHES EXPRESSED REFTEL WE WOULD NOT REFER  
TO RADIO PROVING FLIGHTS AT THIS STAGE.

C. IF PRESSED, DEPARTMENT WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE, ORALLY,  
INFORMALLY, AND ON A CLASSIFIED BASIS, THAT A DISCUSSION  
ON THIS SUBJECT APPEARS IN THE NEGOTIATING RECORD. WE  
WOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS OFFICIAL LEVEL DISCUSSION DOES  
NOT ITSELF CONSTITUTE AN "AGREEMENT" BUT RATHER IS EVIDENCE  
OF INTENTIONS EXPRESSED BY THE PARTIES IN THE COURSE  
OF NEGOTIATIONS. THEREFORE THIS NEGOTIATING HISTORY WAS  
NOT SUBMITTED AMONG THE DOCUMENTS COMPRISING THE RESULTING  
AGREEMENT.

D. IF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS INSIST ON SEEING THE MEMORAN-  
DUM, WE WOULD SHOW IT TO THEM ON A CLASSIFIED BASIS (PER  
PARA 3C REFTEL, THE MEMORANDUM WOULD BE SHOWN IN ITS  
PRESENT FORM).

E. WE WOULD STRONGLY RESIST A MORE GENERAL DISCLOSURE.  
IF PRESSED TO CIRCULATE THE MEMORANDUM TO OTHER MEMBERS  
OF CONGRESS OR TO CONDUCT A MORE GENERAL BRIEFING OR IF  
A LEAK BECOMES A STRONG POSSIBILITY, WE WOULD CONSULT  
PROMPTLY THE BRITISH ON FURTHER PROCEDURES.

2. WE HOPE THE BRITISH WILL FIND NO SERIOUS DIFFICULTY  
WITH THIS SCENARIO, WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR UNDERSTANDINGS WITH THE BRITISH  
AND TO REPRESENT OUR MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR DISCLOSURE.  
WE HAVE DISCUSSED SCENARIO AND EXTENT OF PROPOSED BRIEFING  
WITH BRITISH EMBASSY HERE (SCOTT). KISSINGER

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